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Subject: FW: yet further follow-up on lab closing

FYI

From: Colleen Turner [mailto:colleen@btc-boston.com]
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Subject: RE: yet further follow-up on lab closing

Morning All:

Additional story from yesterday's Springfield TV News 22 driving home the impact on police.

<http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampshire/Amherst-lab-closing-may-cost-police>

Amherst lab closing may cost police

Increased costs, court backlog feared

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- Jackie Bruno

AMHERST, Mass. (WWLP) - The Patrick Administration is planning to close down a state-owned drug lab on the UMass Amherst campus next month, and some local police chiefs are speaking-out against the change.

The lab, the only state-owned drug lab in Western Massachusetts, tests all of the drugs that local police departments collect. The only other lab of its kind in the state is in Boston.

The Patrick Administration is planning the closing to save money, but Amherst Police Chief Scott Livingstone told 22News that this is going to cost all of the local police departments more money and hassle to bring their drugs all the way to Boston.

"The added expense for overtime for officers, the added expense for gas involved, backlogged the court process, all of those are concerns of ours," Livingstone said.

Livingstone also said that the Boston drug lab already takes one month to get results back, so this could slow down the process by which Massachusetts fights drug crimes.

Sent from Colleen Turner Secino's iPhone...617.429.2217

On Aug 22, 2011, at 3:46 PM, Colleen Turner <colleen@btc-boston.com> wrote:

Hi All:

Per Steve's note below...Joe's interview with WBUR/NPR ran through the morning on Friday, 8/19.

Again, Joe, you did a great job.

I've a bunch of clips here...including

8-22 US News Press
8-20 News Tendency
8-20 US World News
8-20 Daily Hampshire Gazette
8-20 WWLP-TV News 22
8-20 Pioneer Valley Info.com
8-19 WBUR-FM 90.9 (NPR) - multiple airings, listen to attached
8-19 WSHM-TV 3
8-19 UMASS Amherst Daily News Summary
8-19 SiloBreaker.com
8-19 Taunton Daily Gazette
8-19 Patriot Ledger
8-19 KPHO-TV 5
8-19 WGGB-TV 40
8-19 FOX-TV 6
8-19 WAMC Northeast Public Radio
8-19 Boston Herald
8-19 Boston Business Journal – Morning Buzz
8-18 CommunityBulletin.com
8-18 EDC.com (Economic Dev. Council of Western Mass.)
8-18 MassLive.com/Springfield Republican (follow-up story)
8-17 Springfield Republican (cover story)
8-17 Boston Business Journal – Morning Buzz
8-16 MassLive.com breaks Dan Ring's Republican story

Bridget, any of these clips in particular you might wish to have copies of for distributing to legislators and such? This one from News Tendency.com (I've attached a paste up) was most interesting...closing with Sen. Rosenberg saying he is meeting this Weds with Commish Auerbach to "discuss the situation."

<http://newstendency.info/close-laboratory-could-hamper-prosecution-of-drug-cases/>

Also, here is a great link to the Springfield CBS affiliate story that featured police leaders

lamenting the decision...great for that all important multi-party support impression. Granted, it does not mention M.O.S.E.S., but it was Joe's good work that opened the dialogue at all.

<http://www.cbs3springfield.com/story/15299353/western-mass-crime-lab-closing-officials-arent-happy?clienttype=printable>

As always, call or email for anything.

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Here's the sound. It ran several times during Friday's morning drive, as well as mid-morning through noon.

Enjoy!
Steve

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